# LUCES DE NAVIDAD

## Parade Rules and Guidelines

## **Planning Your Entry**

A Parade Entry Form or Parade Application must be signed and submitted. The form maybe downloaded from the City of Tolleson's website at <a href="https://www.tolleson.az.gov/events">www.tolleson.az.gov/events</a>.

\*NO OTHER SANTA IS ALLOWED\*. Santa Claus and his sleigh are provided by the committee. All parade entries may be historical, humorous, or modern in design, as long as they are in good taste. Remember a large part of the audience will be children. Floats may not exceed ten (10) feet in width and 13.5 feet in height. Entries may use sound amplification for musical purposes, but not for addressing the audience—no speeches/campaigning please!

Remember this is a festive light parade. All applicants must have adequate lighting on their entry. This includes floats, any vehicles, marching bands, marching units, car and motorcycle clubs, and groups that are walking.

# **Before the Parade**

The Staging Area Opens at 5:00 p.m. Parade vehicles (Floats, specialty vehicles, units in the actual parade) may enter at 99<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Van Buren Street. Entries must check in at the check-in area where a number will be assigned that will be your place in the line-up. Parking is available at 9550 W. Van Buren St (must use side streets)

Police Officers will then direct entries to line up on Van Buren Street according to the number that was given to them when they checked in.

If you need to pull out from the parade, please call/text (623) 936-2762 ASAP.

#### **Judging**

All entries are judged during the parade. Winners may be contacted at a later day.

### **During the Parade**

At least one person must be designated as a guide for your entry to ensure safety and distance along the route. This guide must be 18 years and older. The guides will walk beside their entry and be responsible for making sure that their entry stays in line and keeps a 30 feet distance from the other entries.

For the safety of all, **NO MATERIALS MAY BE THROWN**. The City lights will be turned off and this would cause an endangerment to the children. But materials **MAY BE HANDED OUT ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE**. This includes candy, flyers, literature, etc.

Parade speed is a maximum of 10 mph. Entries who falter may be asked to step aside and let others pass.

**DO NOT STOP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET.** Stopping holds up the parade progress.

Dress warmly and prepare for any kind of weather. Bring extra blankets or warm clothing, especially for children.

# **End of Parade**

The parade will end on  $92^{nd}$  Avenue. Entries will continue north on  $92^{nd}$  Avenue to Taylor Street and turn left on Taylor Street and continue down to  $96^{th}$  Avenue to disband. All entries will be directed to a specific area by a police officer. Map will be provided to you in a follow up e-mail.

